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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DESIRE OF SOME PANAMANIAN EXILES TO GO TO U.S.

1. DR. RUBEN D. CARLES CAME TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL THIS MORNING TO TALK TO VISA OFFICER ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PERHAPS 4 OR 5 OF THEIR GROUP OF EXILES GOING TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE THEY HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH WHOM THEY MAY LIVE.

2. DR. CARLES STATED THAT THEY HAD MOVED AS A GROUP FROM THE EXECUTIVE HOTEL TO THE HOTEL SANDERS, A SECOND-CLASS COMMERCIAL HOTEL NEAR THE CONSULATE GENERAL, BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COST OF THE FORMER HOTEL. HE MAINTAINED THAT IF PERMITTED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES THEY WOULD NOT BECOME PUBLIC CHARGES. THEY ARE AWARE OF THE DELICACY OF THE SITUATION BECAUSE OF THE CANAL TALKS AND CAME TO CONSULATE GENERAL TO SOUND US OUT ON THE POSSIBILITY. EXILEES WERE STRIPPED OF DOCUMENTATION AND EVEN CREDIT CARDS AND FAMILY PICTURES BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM PANAMA. DOES NOT KNOW IF PANAMANIAN EMBASSY QUITO WOULD BE WILLING ISSUE SOME SORT OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT. THEY BELIEVE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN GUAYAQUIL BEING MONITORED BY ECUADOREAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSIES GIVE US GUIDELINES WITH WHICH TO TREAT WITH EXILEES. DEPART-
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MENT SHOULD ADVISE ON POSSIBILITY OF REFUGEE OR PAROLEE

STATUS SINCE OBVIOUSLY PERSONS CANNOT ENTER U.S. FOR
TEMPORARY BUSINESS OR PLEASURE. STAY WOULD HAVE TO BE
INDETERMINATE. ALL EXILEES INTEND AT THIS JUNCTURE TO
RETURN TO PANAMA AS SOON AS THEY ARE POLITICALLY ABLE.
IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THEY MIGHT SLIP BACK INTO THE
COUNTRY DURING CARNIVAL PERIOD WHEN EVERYONE PREOCCUPIED
WITH FESTIVITIES.
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